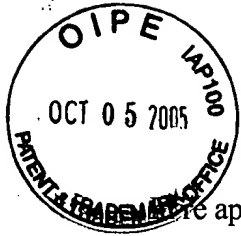


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-92 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-14, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 38, 40, 43-51, 53, 54, 57, 60, 61, 64, 65, 67, 72, 74, 76 and 78-92 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mayle et al. (US 6,018,744) ["Mayle"] in view of Haeberli (US 6,587,596) ["Haeberli"]. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.

In the present invention, "character information" is information that may be unique to a target character captured in a first image. As set forth in claim 1, the "character information of the target character" is obtained by the claimed character information obtaining unit from a "first